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Week 2
The Essence

What's genuine Christianity look like?

What am I supposed to feel? Do?

What Is God really like?



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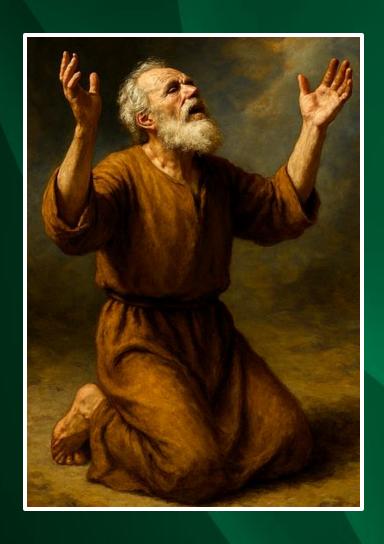




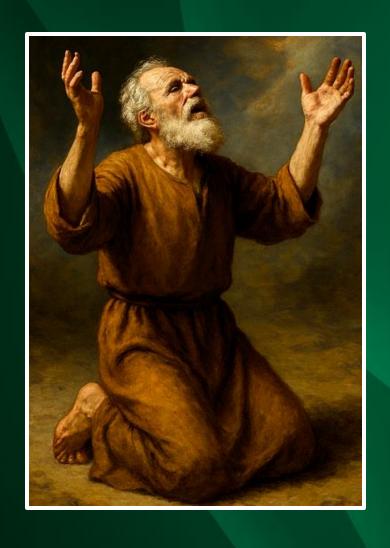




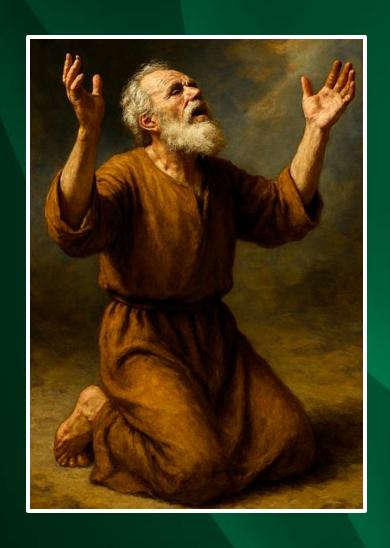




A Burning Desire to Express Gratefulness



"Look," David said, "I am living in a beautiful cedar palace, but the Ark of the Lord's Covenant is out there under a tent!" 17:1



"Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?" 17:16







God's Holiness Cannot Be Underestimated



This is what the Lord has declared: You are not the one to build a house for me to live in.

17:3

"My son, I wanted to build a Temple to honor the name of the Lord my God," David told him. 8 "But the Lord said to me, 'You have killed many men . . . you will not be the one to build a Temple to honor my name.





You Cannot Outgive God

'This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies has declared: I took you from tending sheep in the pasture and selected you to be the leader of my people Israel. 8 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have destroyed all your enemies before your eyes. Now I will make your name as famous as anyone who has ever lived on the earth! 9 And I will provide a homeland for

my people Israel, planting them in a secure place where they will never be disturbed. Evil nations won't oppress them as they've done in the past, 10 starting from the time I appointed judges to rule my people Israel. And I will defeat all your enemies. "'Furthermore, I declare that the Lord will build a house for you—a dynasty of kings! 11 For when you die and join your

ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, one of your sons, and I will make his kingdom strong. 12 He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for me. And I will secure his throne forever. 13 I will be his father, and he will be my son. **17:7-13**



Core Principle: You Cannot Outgive God

2 Cor. 9:6-11

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you

abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the

harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.



David bows in service & prayer to God

"Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? And now, O God, in addition to everything else, you speak of giving your servant a lasting dynasty! You speak as though I were someone very great, O LORD God! "What more can I say to you about the way you have honored me? You know what your

servant is really like. For the sake of your servant, O LORD, and according to your will, you have done all these great things and have made them known. "O LORD, there is no one like you. We have never even heard of another God like you!

²¹ What other nation on earth is like your people Israel? What other nation, O God, have you redeemed from slavery to be your own people? You made a great name for yourself when you redeemed your people from Egypt. You performed awesome miracles and drove out the nations that stood in their way. 22 You chose Israel to be your very own people forever, and you, O Lord, became their God.

²³ "And now, O Lord, I am your servant; do as you have promised concerning me and my family. May it be a promise that will last forever.²⁴ And may your name be established and honored forever so that everyone will say, 'The Lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, is Israel's God!' And may the house of your servant David continue before you forever.



The pillar of David's life was God. 'Nuff' said.

²⁵ "You, my God, have revealed to your servant that you will build a house for him. So your servant has found courage to pray to you. ²⁶ You, Lord, are God! You have promised these good things to your servant...for you, Lord, have blessed it, and it will be blessed forever."

